



## Dead to the Law

There is no other union in this world other than marriage that depicts the beautiful union between the believer in Christ and our beautiful Savior, Jesus. It is a God ordained covenant (between a man and a woman ONLY) which could only be broken through death.

### **Romans 7:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. <sup>3</sup> So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man

By the death of your spouse, you are legally and righteously disjointed from the sacred covenant of marriage. With this in mind, did you know that God's people have been legally disjointed from the Law (which was the foundation of the former covenant called the 'Old Covenant of Law')? Once upon a time, God's people were married to the Law during the Old Covenant. But everything changed when Jesus came to this world.

- Does this mean that Jesus came to abolish the Law?
- Does this mean that Jesus came to campaign a double relationship with Grace while still married to the Law?

God forbid! When I say that God's people are no longer married to the Old Covenant of Law, know there was a legal foundation when God gave a better covenant with better promises. Something significant had to happen in order for there to be a change of spouse.

### **Romans 7:4**

So, my brothers and sisters, you also **died to the law** through the body of Christ...

When you received Jesus as Lord and Savior, you identified yourself as dead in Christ. And because we died with Christ, we have also died to the Law through the body of Christ. In other words, the Law of Moses is no longer applicable for the believer in Christ to live a godly life or receive God's righteousness.

A great Bible teacher, Charles Spurgeon, said it like this:

- “He (Christ) is the end of the law in the sense that he (Christ) is the termination of it.”

As Gentiles, we were excluded from the Law of Moses from the get-go. (Romans 3:19) The Law of Moses was never for the Gentile, so we were never submitted to the Law in the first

place. (The Law was only given to the Jews) That's not to say that we should reject the Old Testament as God's Word. God forbid! It certainly is God's inspired Word, but now it needs to be interpreted via the cross.

Jesus went to the cross so that the Law might be fully met in us. And guess what? He succeeded masterfully. Jesus fulfilled the demands of the Law as us, and by it forever releasing us from the Law because the Law has been fully met in us; therefore, vanishing the Old Covenant of Law righteously through the death of Christ. He took out the very thing that brought a separation in our relationship with God because as long as the Law was in effect, it always disqualified us to approach our Father because of our sins. It also hindered our Father from freely approaching us with His grace because He is holy and man was tainted with sin. But now the cross has changed everything.

### **Romans 7:6**

But now we have been **delivered from the law**, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

God's people have been delivered from the first spouse - the Law, through the body of Christ. As long as the Law was the spouse, he always recalled our sins to our memory; he always pointed to what we were doing wrong; and he brought shame and guilt into our life. Worst yet, he was always right! It brought fear into our lives and always made us so self-conscious of our sins. It doesn't matter how much we tried, it was no use because our love never measured up. (Talk about walking on egg shells!)

### **Romans 7:4**

...that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

Through faith in Christ, we are now married to another – Jesus Christ [Grace]. He came to love us even amongst our wrong behavior. He always shows us that when we fail, He will never leave us nor forsake us. He brings comfort into our hearts even when the tough times come. He lifts our soul up with great strength via His great love and affection. He takes care of us, even when we fail or least deserve it. Best of all, as believers in Christ, we are united and fused with Christ as one to bear fruit to God without the Law.

### **Colossians 2:14**

Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has **taken it out** of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

The Law has been nailed to the cross in the body of Jesus Christ. My advice is, keep it nailed! Don't bring in the haunting memories of the former into the new marriage with Christ. You are dead to the Law; you have been delivered from the Law; Christ is the end of the Law for all those who believe. The effects of the Law are still alive today, not because you are alive to the Law but because believers in Christ continue to submit under the Law. As a believer in Christ, the Law is not alive but met. Amen.

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